

IMMEDIATE PEACE UNDER RESOLUTION PLEA TO CONGRESS

Decision for Action Early in
Session Follows Series
of Conferences.

INTERNATIONAL TANGLE TOPIC AT WHITE HOUSE

Senator Knox Calls by Invitation.
President's View of Proposed
Move Not Indicated.

Immediate peace by congressional resolution is to be urged promptly upon the convening of the Sixty-seventh Congress in extra session, it was learned last night, following a series of conferences with noted men intimately associated with governmental policies affecting war relations and peace terms.

Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, former Secretary of State and author of the republican peace resolution in the last Congress, went to the White House by invitation of the President and they were closeted for more than two hours.

The general understanding in official and congressional circles is that M. Viviani, former French premier and now envoy extraordinary from the French Republic to President Harding, has been hopeful to persuade the United States government not to push its peace declaration, but rather to consider on what basis it might accept the treaty of Versailles.

Sentiment of Senate Group.
Information that members of the Senate favoring a speedy peace by resolution had not abandoned their previously announced intention was obtained last night, after a notable day of White House conferences, at which the advisability of a congressional declaration of peace, together with other questions involved in a peace settlement, were understood to have been discussed.

Whether the intention of the peace-resolution senators has been approved in any degree by President Harding, and whether it has the support of Senate republicans generally, were matters on which no information was obtainable. In this connection it was recalled that some of the more prominent members of the Senate favoring a peace resolution have stated definitely that action on matters involving peace would not be taken in conflict with administrative views.

The conferences at the White House yesterday were generally considered in the hearing on international affairs as probably the most important that President Harding has held since his inauguration.

Noted Men See President.
Besides Senator Knox, the noted men who called on President Harding yesterday and are understood to have discussed the international tangle and the course the United States ought to pursue, included Col. George Harvey of New York, selected as ambassador to Great Britain; Myron T. Herrick of Ohio, understood to be under consideration for ambassador to France; and Stephane Lausanne, noted French journalist, who came to this country with former Premier Viviani. All of those who participated in the conferences declined to say what specific proposals were discussed or to indicate what decisions might be expected.

By inference the day's developments were coupled with the visit here by M. Viviani, who has brought to American officials a first-hand report as to the present attitude of the European governments toward the league of nations and related subjects.

Speculation Is Aroused.
Senator Knox's call to the White House started a new out-cropping of speculation about the fate of the peace resolution, but was followed by no authoritative announcement as to whether the measure would be pressed at the onset of the special session of Congress that convenes here from Monday. The impression given was that the administration was feeling its way in the light of the information and advice brought by M. Viviani and that a definite policy was yet to be framed.

WOULD DIVIDE FROM TEXAS

Sweetwater Organization Urges New State as Taxation Protest.
SWEETWATER, Texas, April 2.—Division of Texas and organization of a new state as a protest against "taxation without representation" is the goal sought by an organization initiated here today as a result of the governor's veto on the West Texas A. and M. College bill and rural school aid measure and failure of the legislature to redistrict the state according to population figures.

SUBMARINE HITS HULL.

U. S. Undersea Boat Pulled Off by Tug at Norfolk.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 2.—A United States submarine, the E-7, struck the sunken hull of the Lake Calveras in Hampton roads late yesterday and had to be pulled off by tugs.

The submarine listed badly when she hit the wreck and the crew narrowly escaped going overboard.

The submarine was pulled off by the tug Norfolk. She went to the Norfolk navy yard, according to reports reaching this city.

Steal Liberty Bonds With Chewing Gum On Ends of Sticks

By the Associated Press.
BALTIMORE, April 2.—Reaching through the grating of the paying teller's window at the Calvert Bank, Howard and Saragosa streets, in the heart of the shooting district today, three men succeeded in stealing \$2,500 worth of liberty bonds, using sticks to which were attached bits of chewing gum, to draw the bonds from the shelf behind the window.

Then they walked out and disappeared. The teller was absent from the cage at the time.

VIVIANI DEMANDS FULL REPARATION

Emphasizes That Germany
Must Pay for France's
Economic Rehabilitation.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Rene Viviani, envoy extraordinary of the French republic to the United States, presented a strong statement of his country's claims for reparation from Germany at a luncheon given here today in his honor by the Canadian and American branches of the French Alliance. Jules Jusserand, the French ambassador, also was a guest of honor.

"France," said M. Viviani, "wants the amount of her reparations required for her economic rehabilitation in one of her richest sections, the one that represents one-fifth of her territory, but which, from an economic standpoint, represents sometimes one-quarter, sometimes one-half and sometimes two-thirds of our power and wealth."

"We want peace," continued M. Viviani, "we want nations to become reconciled, but at the same time, how can France help feeling some bitterness when, at the end of two years, she has received no payment for reparation, when her industries have been rehabilitated through her own efforts, for which much time is needed, and when she has lost departments, representing one-fifth of her budget?"

M. Viviani closed his address with a denunciation of the propaganda here directed against the allies.

GERMANY SOUNDED U. S. ON WAR DEBT SCHEME

Hinted at Assuming Allied Obligations to America in Bond Plan.

By the Associated Press.
BERLIN, April 2.—The German government officially admitted today having sounded the United States government with the view to the assumption by Germany of a portion of the allied debts to America through the latter accepting German reparations bonds in lieu of part of the allied obligations. No actual negotiations, however, it was said, had occurred between Germany and the United States regarding reparations.

Dr. Simons, the foreign minister, it was added, had explained to Loring Dresel, United States commissioner in Berlin, the German standpoint concerning reparation.

Confirmation was lacking Friday at the State Department of reports from Berlin, received by way of London, that the German government had made definite proposals to the United States regarding reparations, including a suggestion that Germany assume liability to the United States for a part, at least, of the allied debts to that country.

Commissioner Dresel, it was said at the department, had reported the substance of his conversations with the officials in Berlin on the general question of reparations from time to time, but no intimation was given by the department that he had transmitted any formal or informal proposal of the kind mentioned in the reports from Berlin.

AWAITS U. S. ACTION.

Japan to Delay Bill Granting Rights to Foreigners.

By the Associated Press.
TOKIO, April 1.—The project to introduce a new bill in the diet, granting foreigners the right to own land in Japan, will not be carried out.

It is explained here that Japan will await the result of the land negotiations in the United States before adopting a definite attitude at home.

A land ownership bill passed the previous diet, but never was put into operation.

CHARLES GLOOMY AS PLEAS TO STAY IN HUNGARY FAIL

Regent Horthy Adamant.
Czech Ultimatum Extended.
Swiss Course Uncertain.

By the Associated Press.
HUNGARY, April 2.—Former Emperor Charles, his move for restoration to the Hungarian throne thwarted by the government, will leave tonight or tomorrow morning in an automobile on his way back to Switzerland, according to semi-official information today.

The former ruler has been telephoning to Admiral Horthy, the regent, three or four times a day from Steinmanger, beseeching him to change his mind on his declaration to acquiesce in the restoration plans, but the regent has absolutely refused to alter his stand.

The time limit on the Czechoslovak ultimatum for the removal of Charles from Hungary was extended today until Sunday at midnight.

M. Fouchet, the French chargé d'affaires here, has promised a French safe conduct for the former emperor.

Quiet prevailed in this city today, and similar conditions were reported from throughout the country.

The emperor was greatly cast down by the receipt of the definite decision of the Budapest government that he must leave.

"I am a good Hungarian, and why will they prevent me from living in my country," he said to Count Hunyady, who brought the tidings to the ex-ruler. My children also are Magyars and I want to bring them up as good Magyar patriots."

The former emperor, it is learned, is not touching French cookery at Steinmanger, but has ordered highly seasoned Magyar national dishes. He is quoted as saying he had nearly been starved in his exile because he was unable to find a good Hungarian cook.

Must Stay Far From Frontier.

BERN, Switzerland, April 2.—The Swiss federal council will inform Emperor Charles on his arrival here that he cannot remain in Prangins, as the canton of Vaud, in which Prangins is located, does not desire his presence. He must choose a residence away from the frontier and not in a city.

The federal council, after an investigation, will decide whether the temporary permission granted Charles to remain in Switzerland shall be made permanent, and under what conditions.

Barred From Swiss Canton.

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, April 2.—The cantonal council of the canton of Vaud, in which Prangins is situated, today informed the Swiss federal council that the presence of former Emperor Charles could no longer be tolerated in the canton.

This decision was reached, the council declared, because the former monarch had not kept his promise to abstain from all political activities while he was in Prangins.

Former Empress Anxious.
GENEVA, April 2.—Her Werkmann, secretary of former Emperor Charles, telephoned to the Associated Press at 9 o'clock tonight that no news had been received at Prangins from Charles, who has not yet entered Switzerland. Former Empress Zita is anxious over the absence of word from her husband.

Vienna Again Quiet.

The scare which Vienna has been experiencing over the reappearance of Charles as an active claimant for restoration has passed over, and the city is again becoming tranquil. The general feeling in political quarters seems to be that the incident has served to clear the atmosphere, definitely removing, for a long time at least, the apprehension of a monarchist last effort.

Count Erdody, one of the Austrians who accompanied Charles in his days of exile, has been placed under the ban in Vienna and his home here has been requisitioned by the government. It is understood the socialists will energetically push their demand for an investigation of the attempted coup and the punishment of all concerned in the entry of Charles into Austria and his stay in this country.

Ex-Kaiser Watches Closely.
LONDON, April 2.—Former Emperor William and the former German crown prince have been watching from Holland with the greatest interest the attempt of ex-emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary to secure restoration to the Hungarian throne, the Evening News correspondent at Amsterdam reports.

Both the ex-kaiser and his eldest son have been kept well posted by telegraph of the progress of Charles' attempted coup, and there has been much comment and going of prominent Germans during the past week.

The Dutch authorities, however, are watching the Hohenzollerns carefully. There was no question, it was declared, of the former crown prince leaving the country, the correspondent adds.

The Daily Herald, the labor organ, today prints a message from its Vienna correspondent, which says: "Saturday the American representative Grant Smith (American high commissioner in Budapest), left Budapest with Premier Teleky for Steinmanger on a hunting expedition, it was stated. Immediately after the announcement of Charles' arrival, the Magyar premier, accompanied by Mr. Smith, went to greet the ex-monarch."

CALLS DOCTOR BY RADIO.
SAVANNAH, Ga., April 2.—Steamship O. T. Warring, at sea, today sends out wireless call for ship with doctor. Three men badly burned.



THE IMPATIENT OFFICE SEEKER.

URGES U. S. TO QUIT SHIPPING BUSINESS

Congressman Scott, Mentioned for New Board, Opposes Federal Operation.

By the Associated Press.

NORFOLK, Va., April 2.—Removal of control over the operation of merchant ships by the Shipping Board was advocated here today by Congressman Frank S. Scott of Michigan.

At the same time he refused to affirm or deny reports that he had been offered the chairmanship of the Shipping Board under the Harding administration.

Congressman Scott arrived in Norfolk this morning from Panama. Regarding reports he had been offered the chairmanship of the Shipping Board, Mr. Scott said:

"The matter was suggested to me before we sailed for Panama. There are many things to consider before assuming the chairmanship of an organization whose properties are worth four billion dollars and whose operations are reaching a deficit of a million dollars a day.

"I would prove an unusual appointee in that I would endeavor to shorten my tenure of office, rather than persist in all political activities while he was in Prangins."

President Frees 28.
Grants 4 Pardons and 24 Commutations Since March 4.

Four pardons and twenty-four commutations of the sentences have been granted by President Harding since his inauguration a month ago. The majority of the commutations, it was learned yesterday, were for prisoners convicted of violations of the prohibition laws and illicit distilling.

Of the prisoners whose sentences have been commuted by President Harding nine were convicted for violation of the prohibition laws, six for illicit distilling and the rest for theft, use of the mails to defraud and violations of the Mann act.

Pardons extended by the President were for offenses against the national bankruptcy act, carrying concealed weapons and forgery.

CAUGHT AFTER 25 YEARS.

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., April 2.—Alex Price, an escaped convict from the Mississippi penitentiary since 1896, twenty-five years, was returned to Chickasaw county today.

He originally was convicted for stealing a mule and wagon and served one year and three months before his escape.

Price was arrested at Searles by Tuscaloosa county officers Tuesday on a minor charge of peace disturbance at a dance. Local newspapers handled the arrest in the course of police court news and, incidentally, gave a description of the prisoner.

The description was read by an old-time Mississippi penitentiary guard who believed he recognized Price and an investigation began, resulting in his return to prison.

CUBAN POLITICIAN SHOT.

Candidate for Governor of Havana Province Murdered By Rival.

HAVANA, April 2.—Fernandez Quinones, national league candidate for governor of Havana province in the November elections, was shot and almost instantly killed this evening by Ernesto Colado, liberal representative for Santa Clara province.

The shooting took place at the corner of the Prado and Virtudes street.

Political differences are said to have led to the tragedy.

APPEAL FOR RED RULE IS CIRCULATED IN U. S.

Pamphlets Extolling Soviet Russia and Urging Revolution Scattered Broadcast.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

WHEELING, W. Va., April 2.—Seditious circulars hailing soviet Russia, denouncing Samuel Gompers as a traitor to the working class and calling on all workers to join the movement for a "republic of labor" were widely circulated today among the large foreign population of Wheeling.

Scores of the pamphlets, printed in several foreign languages, are in possession of agents of the Department of Justice, who are conducting a vigorous hunt for the men responsible for their circulation.

Each piece of literature bears the signature of the central executive committee, communistic party of America.

Attack on Capitalists.

The money-made capitalists of America are terror stricken for the very name of bolshevism, for the success of soviet Russia means social revolution in America," the tract read. "Stand up in your unions and denounce Gompers. This traitor to the working class is attacking and slandering the revolutionary workers of Russia and other countries.

"Let us resolve to break the chain of wage slavery.

"Long live communism!"

Circulated in Chicago.

By the Associated Press.
CHICAGO, April 2.—Leaflets signed by the "United Communist Party," and stating that "the Russian workers showed us what to do," were spread broadcast here today, many of them being found in the city hall and county buildings. The leaflets contained an invitation to union labor organizations to join in an insurrection. The plea was based on unemployment conditions.

Federal officials have started an investigation.

ARREST THEATER OWNER IN "BLUE LAW" CAMPAIGN

Charged With Showing Motion Pictures on Sunday—South Dakota Official Issues Further Warnings.

By the Associated Press.
HURON, S. D., April 2.—The first arrest in the Sunday "blue law" enforcement campaign in South Dakota was made late today, when Allen Geothal, manager and owner of a local theater, was taken into custody by a deputy sheriff, charged with conducting a moving picture show on Sunday, March 27.

According to the attorney general, a test case will be made of this action to determine the constitutionality of the "blue laws."

PIERRE, S. D., April 2.—State Attorney Harry Horner of this (Hughes) county tonight warned merchants, garages, theaters, motor car filling stations and others affected by the South Dakota Sunday closing laws to remain closed tomorrow, as he intended to enforce every Sunday law on the statute books.

FAKE HARDING KIN HELD FOR FRAUD

Alleged to Have Duped Chicagoans by Posing as President's Cousin.

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, April 2.—Everett Harding, a candy store owner, who was arrested today on charges of impersonating a federal official, tonight was declared by the police to have defrauded the Pennsylvania railroad out of nearly \$2,000 and to have imposed on leading Chicago clubs and business men by pretending to be a cousin of President Harding.

Although Harding had no relation of the chief executive and as his assistant secretary, the police said, he believed Harding had obtained at least \$10,000 from a group of business men by promising to use his influence in obtaining political appointments.

Harding, according to the police, found Chicago's leading citizens glib. He took twenty-two of them to the inauguration in a private car, it was said, and then paid the Pennsylvania railroad with a check for \$1,918.44, which was returned, according to railroad officials, marked "no funds."

Received by Hamilton Club.

While on this trip Harding became acquainted with a delegation from the Hamilton Club, the chief republican social organization of the city. He posed before them as a cousin of the President and was promised a life membership in the club, the police said.

In return Harding was said to have promised his friends political appointments, telling them that he was to be assistant secretary to the President.

Harding was held in bonds of \$5,000 for hearing before United States Commissioner Lewis F. Mason Harding, the police said, after becoming acquainted with prominent business men through posing as the President's cousin, confidentially promised to "let them in" on several business ventures which he said would be backed by the chief executive. One of these was a "Harding Hotel," another was a chain of "Harding" candy stores and a third was a monthly magazine. This magazine, according to Harding's story, as related by the police, was to contain an article in each issue by the President.

Pearl Harding, Everett's thirteen-year-old sister, acquired considerable fame through the posing of her brother. She became known as the "White House baby," and it was said that she was to go to Washington and live with the President. Her picture was widely sought by manufacturers to be used in advertising, by newspaper photographers and by the movies.

According to the police, Harding cashed in on his name by posing as Senator Harding's son during the republican national convention and passed several bad checks.

EX-PRESIDENT WILSON EXPECTED IN LONDON; VISIT DENIED HERE

By the Associated Press.
LONDON, April 2.—Former President Wilson, according to Reynolds' newspaper, is expected in London for a ten-day visit at the end of April.

It says that rooms for a party of eight have been reserved at a leading hotel.

The statement of Reynolds' newspaper of London that former President Wilson was expected in London late this month was branded as absurd tonight by persons close to Mr. Wilson.

So far as could be learned, the former President has no intention of even leaving Washington soon, let alone attempting any such trip as a visit abroad would involve. His health alone, it was said, would preclude any extended trip.

Hired for 3 Weeks In 1878, U. S. Gardener Is Still on the Job

Hired for three weeks, Ernest F. Hauser, 237 Q street, completed yesterday forty-three years of service as gardener for the United States Department of Agriculture. He did his first day's work for the department April 2, 1878. He was given a day off yesterday to celebrate the anniversary, and spent it busy up the job in Prospect Hill cemetery where his parents are buried. Mr. Hauser works daily helping to keep in shape the grounds of the department, which a delegation of landscape architects recently pronounced "the most beautiful spot in the capital."

CITIZENS WILL ASK PUBLIC HEARING ON CAR SERVICE HERE

Federation Decides to Appeal
to Utilities Commission
to Take Up Case.

The Public Utilities Commission will be asked by the Federation of Citizens' Associations to hold a public hearing to consider whether the service being rendered by the two street railway companies is adequate.

Decision to ask for the hearing was reached by the federation at its meeting in the District building last night on motion of William M. Clayton, chairman of the utilities committee.

At the request of Mr. Clayton the federation also adopted the following resolutions on the street car situation:

"That the federation opposes any excess profits tax as applied to the public service corporations of the District of Columbia.

Opposes Raising Valuation.

"That the federation opposes any raising of the present ascertained physical valuations of the railway and electric light companies by the commission without the people being consulted.

"That the federation believes the crossing policemen tax against the railway companies should be repealed.

"That the federation believes that some portion of the initial cost of paving between tracks of the street railways should be paid for from the general tax funds of the District of Columbia."

Strict enforcement of the law against carrying concealed weapons and enactment of additional legislation to regulate their sale was favored by the federation. The delegates approved a report of George Finch, of the law and legislation committee, urging the adoption of any concealed weapon law that is deemed necessary by the authorities for the protection of life and property.

Suggests Fund to Fight Cases.

The federation gave its hearty endorsement to the Tinkham bill for the establishment of a fund to be used in presenting the public side of utility rate cases before the utility commission and in working for merger legislation in Congress that would meet the people's views. He stated that he has an offer from a public benefactor to double any amount the citizens raise for these purposes. No definite action was taken on the suggestion last night.

Favors Personal Interviews.

Mr. Finch made a vigorous speech to his fellow delegates on the necessity of following up resolutions adopted by the federation by personally interviewing members of Congress. The federation, he declared, will never accomplish the things for which it is working unless its members get personally before the members of Congress the wishes of the people.

Mr. Clayton asked the federation to send a letter to President Harding endorsing both Edward F. Colladay and Charles S. Shreve for the position of United States district attorney.

Motion Is Withdrawn.

Other delegates sought to have other names added to the letter of endorsement, and when a motion was made to refer the entire matter to the committee on law and legislation, Mr. Clayton withdrew his motion. He explained that he offered it only because Mr. Colladay and Mr. Shreve are ex-presidents of the federation.

The Conduct Road Association submitted a resolution urging that the new Key bridge be reserved for vehicular and pedestrian traffic and that the old Aqueduct bridge be left in use for the street car tracks. The resolution was referred to a committee for report at the next meeting.

Mrs. Cabot Stevens made an appeal to the delegates for the East End Relief, and when she had concluded Mr. Clayton moved that the federation endorse the drive for this cause with the request that the delegates carry the appeal back to their associations. The motion was unanimously adopted.

ITALIAN CABINET CHANGES.

ROME, April 2.—Premier Giolitti officially announced in the senate today that Signor Meda, who resigned as minister of the treasury on account of ill health, had been replaced by Signor Bonomi, who held the portfolio of war. He, in turn, has been succeeded by Signor Rodino as war minister.

BALL WILL CONFER WITH OFFICIALS ON CAR MERGER PLAN

Senator Calls Commissioners
and Traction Heads to
Take Up Problem.

MEETING WILL BE HELD IN OFFICE TOMORROW

Citizens' Federation Approves
Union of Companies, But Opposes
Power Company Merger First.

An important conference, looking to the merger of the street railways of the District of Columbia, is to be held tomorrow morning in the office of Senator Ball of Delaware, in the Senate office building. Senator Ball, who has been picked for chairman of the Senate District committee in the new Congress, has requested the District Commissioners and officers of the Capital Traction Company, the Washington Railway and Electric Company and the Potomac Electric Power Company to meet with him for the purpose of discussing the proposed merger.

The improvement of the street railway situation in the District, so as to provide better service at a less cost, is the most pressing question relating to the District now before Congress and the Senate. He is earnestly seeking a solution of the problem.

Believes in Merger.

The Delaware senator believes strongly that the situation can be improved through a merger of the companies. He favors permitting the Washington Railway and Electric Company and the Potomac Electric Power Company to merge, and at the same time authorizing the Washington Railway and Electric Company to merge with the Capital Traction Company. He reported a bill for the merger of these companies at the last session of Congress, but too late for action to be had on it.

The Federation of Citizens' Associations at its meeting in the District building last night, adopted a resolution favoring the enactment of legislation authorizing the merger of the two railway companies and the power company. The resolution, however, provides that the merger of the Washington Railway and Electric Power Company with the Potomac Electric Power Company shall not become effective until the merger of the two street railway companies also goes into effect.

Impressed With Needs.

The resolution was offered by George Finch, chairman of the law and legislation committee of the federation, as a committee report.

Senator Ball discussed the proposed merger with the Commissioners at the District building informally on Friday. He is impressed with the fact that it is necessary some aid be given the Washington Railway and Electric Company, so that a merger of the street railways may be effected. The suggestion that the Potomac Electric Power Company, which is a money-making concern, be allowed to merge with the Washington Railway and Electric Company, the present owner of the stock of the power company, and that part of the earnings of the power company go to aid the road strikes the senator rather favorably.

It is expected that Senator Ball will take up with the Commissioners the matter of appointments in the District service. It has been rumored that a number of changes are to be made, and Senator Ball is desirous of discussing these changes of the heads of the municipal government.

Ham Reaffirms Indorsement.

William F. Ham, president of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, who expects to attend the conference with Senator Ball tomorrow, last night reaffirmed his indorsement of the bill authorizing a merger of the Potomac Electric Power Company with the Washington Railway and Electric as the first step toward a consolidation of the two street railway companies.

The same legislation in the Senate was known as the Tinkham bill, but was amended in the upper body to authorize a merger of the Washington Railway and Electric and the Potomac Electric Power Company after the first two corporations have been merged.

Mr. Ham pointed out that merger of the two street railway companies is now prohibited by legislation in 1913, and that even if the Washington Railway and Electric and the power company are allowed to unite, Congress will have to specifically authorize a merger of that united company and the Capital Traction.

Commissioners Go Over Bills.

Commissioners Rudolph and Oyster, it is understood, went over informally with Commissioner Kutz yesterday afternoon the several bills that were pending at the last session of Congress relating to merger of the three big public service companies.

They will go to the conference at the Capitol Monday morning, prepared to discuss thoroughly the various proposals for bringing the companies together.

Mr. Ham expressed gratification last night when he learned that the members of the Public Utilities Commission had been invited to the conference with Senator Ball.

George E. Hamilton, president of the Capital Traction Company, also was invited.

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